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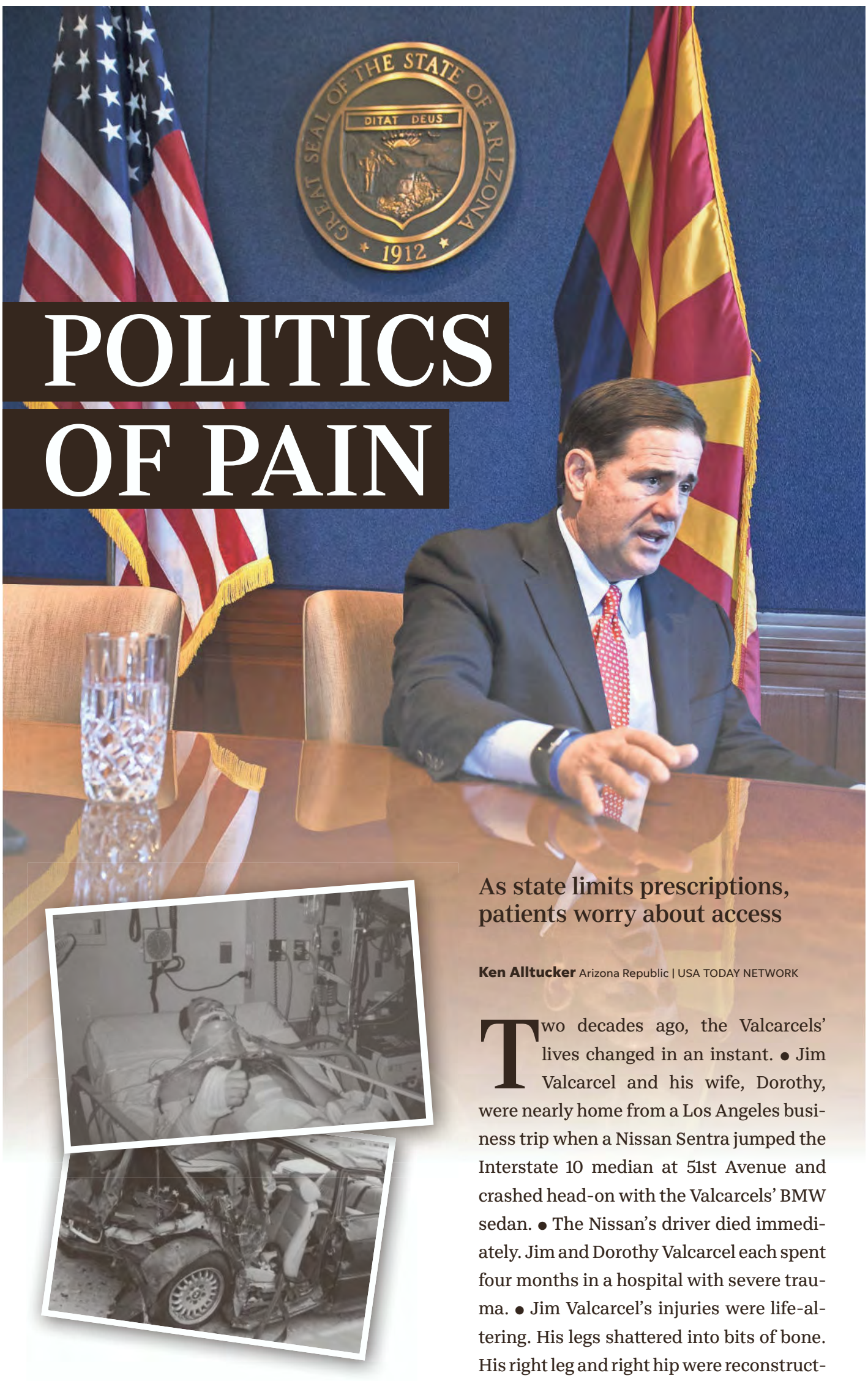

POLITICS OF PAIN

As state limits prescriptions, patients worry about access

Ken Alltucker Arizona Republic | USA TODAY NETWORK

Two decades ago, the Valcarcels' lives changed in an instant. • Jim Valcarcel and his wife, Dorothy, were nearly home from a Los Angeles business trip when a Nissan Sentra jumped the Interstate 10 median at 51st Avenue and crashed head-on with the Valcarcels' BMW sedan. • The Nissan's driver died immediately. Jim and Dorothy Valcarcel each spent four months in a hospital with severe trauma. • Jim Valcarcel's injuries were life-altering. His legs shattered into bits of bone. His right leg and right hip were reconstructed with metal screws and plates. He often uses a cane to walk. **See PAIN, Page 6A**

MORE ONLINE: Go to **azcentral.com** to watch a video about pain patients battling the fallout from addiction.

Gov. Doug Ducey (main photo) and his administration have pushed for limits on the length and dosage of opioid prescriptions. That's affecting people like Jim Valcarcel (above), a Cottonwood resident who takes opioid medications to deal with chronic pain from a car accident on Interstate 10 two decades ago.
MAIN PHOTO: DAVID WALLACE/THE REPUBLIC; ABOVE: JIM VALCARCEL

AT THE CAPITOL: The Legislature passed the Arizona Opioid Epidemic Act on Thursday afternoon, days after Gov. Doug Ducey introduced it and called a special session. **azcentral.com**

Appeals court: CPS erred in case of photos of nude kids

Mary Jo Pitzl Arizona Republic
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Arizona child-welfare workers acted illegally a decade ago when they seized three children they believed were victims of sexual exploitation, the San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled.

Nude photos A.J. and Lisa Demaree took of their three young girls in 2008 prompted a police investigation, a search of the Demarees' Peoria home, removal of their children by the then-Child Protective Services division and a 10-year string of litigation.

The couple, who defended the pictures as "bath time" photos of their lit-

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Phoenix, Mesa finances earn low grades in annual report

Jessica Boehm Arizona Republic
USA TODAY NETWORK

The Valley's two largest cities earned D grades in an annual review of government financial health because they don't have enough money to pay their bills.

Truth in Accounting, a national fiscal watchdog non-profit, this week released its "Financial State of the Cities" report, which analyzes the financial audits of the 75 most populous cities in the country.

According to Truth in Accounting's calculations, Phoenix has a $2.3 billion

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Bill would alter life sentences for juveniles

Michael Kiefer Arizona Republic
USA TODAY NETWORK

In December 2016, the Arizona Supreme Court, following a national trend, questioned whether people who commit murder before age 18 should be sentenced to life without parole.

The high court sent two such natural life sentences back to Pima County Superior Court for re-sentencing, and the defendants were sent back to prison with a chance of parole after 25 years.

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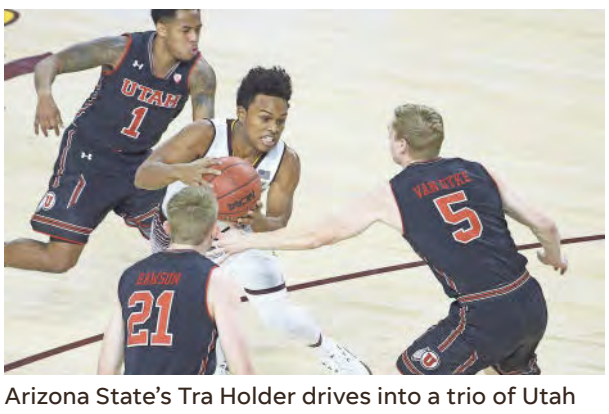
ASU VS. UTAH SPORTS



Arizona State's Tra Holder drives into a trio of Utah defenders Thursday night in Pac-12 basketball action in Tempe. Go to **sundevils.azcentral.com** for results.
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Trump immigration plan includes money for wall

The White House floats an immigration proposal that could include a citizenship path for as many as 1.8 million young people plus contain $25 billion for a border wall and other security measures. **1B**

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